

Table 15. Acreage and Value of Crops Grown
on Irrigated Land in 1962, Papago Reservations

Crop	Chuiuhu		San Xavier				Gila Bend	
	Indian Acres	Value	Indian Acres	Value	Non-Indian Acres	Value	Non-Indian Acres	Value
Garden	5	\$ 2,500	17	\$ 8,500	31	0	0	0
Cotton	115	47,840	8	3,000	246	\$ 82,900	61	\$ 23,000
Small Grains	200	15,975	20	740	210	19,230	260	17,342
Forage & Pasture	400	16,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	740	82,315	45	12,440	487	102,130	321	40,342

Gross value of Indian crops \$ 94,755
Gross value of Non-Indian crops 142,472
Gross value of all crops 237,227

The history of irrigated farming at San Xavier and at Chuiuhu goes back to pre-Spanish times. The San Xavier area was described by Juan Mateo Manje, who visited there in 1697 with Father Kino:

"Here the river runs a full flow of water, though the horses forded it without difficulty. There are good pasture and agricultural lands with a canal for irrigation. The Indians harvest corn, beans, and cotton from which they make cloth to dress themselves. Squash, melons and watermelons were also raised. We counted 800 souls in 186 houses." (Karns, p. 92)

Subsistence farming with irrigation from stream flow continued at San Xavier until 1912 with the number of acres

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